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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHIEF OF STATE VISIT

REF: A) BISSAU 209 (NOTAL); B) 77 STATE 268939  
(NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: CAPE VERDE AMBASSADOR VARELA CALLED ON  
AF/W DIRECTOR AT OUR SUGGESTION MARCH 3 TO DISCUSS RECENT  
VISIT OF CV UN PERM REP DA LUZ TO PRAIA (REF A). VARELA  
WAS TOLD THAT AT THIS TIME WE CAN HOLD OUT NO HOPE FOR  
AN INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY CV PRESIDENT PEREIRA.  
HE OFFERED A LIST OF SUBJECTS FOR POSSIBLE U.S.-C.V.  
DISCUSSIONS, AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH AN INVITATION  
COULD NOT BE FORCED AND "MIGHT TAKE YEARS." END SUMMARY.

2. VARELA HAD MET WITH CAPE VERDE'S PERM REP TO THE UN,  
AMARO DA LU,, ON MARCH 2. HE DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL  
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RE THAT MEETING, BUT SAID THAT CAPE VERDE IS INTERESTED  
IN TALKING WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ABOUT SUCH SUBJECTS AS:  
FOOD AID, DROUGHT RELIEF, SOIL CONSERVATION, REFORESTATION,  
LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS, NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY, SAL  
AND MINDELO WATER PROJECTS, CULTURAL RELATIONS, INFORMATION  
GAINED FROM SATELLITES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, COMMERCIAL  
AFFAIRS, AN AVIATION AGREEMENT, SPECIALIST GRANTS, HARBOR

INFRASTRUCTURE, AGRICULTURE IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID REGIONS,

AND CONTACTS WITH PRIVATE GROUPS ABOUT FISHING AND OIL REFINERIES. HE ADDED THAT IF PRESIDENT PEREIRA SHOULD COME TO THE U.S. HE HOPES THAT AGREEMENTS ON SOME OF THESE SUBJECTS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. VARELA SAID THAT HE WOULD PUT THIS "AGENDA" IN WRITING FOR DEPARTMENT'S USE.

3. WE RECALLED OCTOBER 17 MEETING WITH VARELA (REF B) AND REITERATED THAT AT THIS TIME WE COULD HOLD OUT NO HOPE FOR AN INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY PRESIDENT PEREIRA. WE STRESSED THAT DECISION LAY WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THAT THE PRESIDENT'S EXTREMELY BUSY SCHEDULE MAKES IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT SUCH AN INVITATION TO PEREIRA WOULD BE EXTENDED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AN OFFICIAL AND A PRIVATE VISIT WERE SUMMARIZED. WE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF PEREIRA WERE TO MAKE PRIVATE VISIT TO NEW YORK OR NEW ENGLAND, DEPARTMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY SUGGEST ADDITIONAL CALLS IN WASHINGTON ON APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS BUT THAT NO REPEAT NO COMMITMENT COULD BE IMPLIED.

4. VARELA STATED THAT HE KNEW SUCH VISITS COULD NOT BE "FORCED" AND MIGHT TAKE "A YEAR OR MORE" TO REALIZE. HE NOTED THAT A PEREIRA VISIT HAD BEEN HIS IDEA AND WHEN WE HAD ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY  
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OF PEREIRA'S VISITING NEW YORK OR NEW ENGLAND, VARELA HAD THOUGHT HE WAS BEING SOUNDED OUT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS. VARELA ADDED THAT HE FEELS HE IS IN DIFFICULT POSITION BECAUSE HE ISN'T SURE HE CAN RECOMMEND TO PEREIRA A PRIVATE VISIT WITHOUT REASONABLE HOPE FOR A CALL ON CARTER. VARELA PHILOSOPHIZED THAT, BEING A FARMER, HE HAD SEEN SEEDS COME TO FRUITION, AND IF THE VISIT WEREN'T POSSIBLE DURING VARELA'S TIME PERHAPS IT WOULD HAPPEN DURING THE TIME OF HIS SUCCESSOR. HE THEN STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD, AND WAS SATISFIED WITH, WHAT WE HAD SAID.

5. RETURNING TO VARELA'S LIST OF SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION, WE NOTED THAT THE U.S. IS ALREADY COOPERATING WITH CAPE VERDE ON SEVERAL OF THESE MATTERS. WE ADDED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH VARELA ON THESE SUBJECTS, AND ASKED HIM TO FORMALIZE THE LIST SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD PUT HIM IN TOUCH, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, WITH THE EXPERTS IN EACH FIELD.

6. COMMENT: IF THERE WERE ANY CONFUSION IN VARELA'S MIND ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR A POSSIBLE PEREIRA VISIT, WE BELIEVE THIS MEETING SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. IT IS

POSSIBLE THAT VARELA'S REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETED WITHIN THE CAPE VERDE GOVERNMENT. DURING THE MEETING VARELA STATED THAT UNNAMED PERSONS IN CV

HAD ALLEGED THAT VARELA HAD NEVER DISCUSSED A PEREIRA VISIT WITH THE DEPARTMENT. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE MENTIONED THAT STATEMENTS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, AND WERE CIRCULATED IN CAPE VERDE, WHICH HE HAD NEVER MADE. VARELA APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT PERSONS WITHIN THE GOCV ARE DISTRIBUTING MISINFORMATION ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERMINE HIM.

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